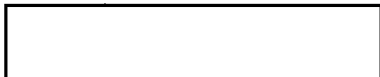


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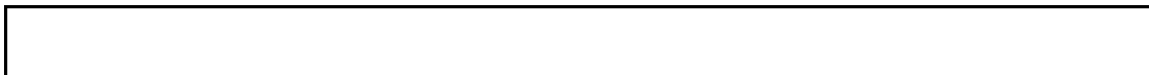
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USSR: Khrushchev, apparently with the problem of succession in mind, has given Leonid Brezhnev a new opportunity to strengthen his political hand.

Freed from the largely ceremonial duties of titular head of state, Brezhnev will be in a position to expand his authority in the party apparatus and to develop the loyalties necessary for eventually achieving a commanding lead in personal power. In contrast to Khrushchev's designation in 1961 of Frol Kozlov as his successor, the present change is probably not meant to signify that Brezhnev has attained this position.

Brezhnev and Nikolay Podgorny have been leading contenders for the number-two position in the hierarchy. Both have been members of the party's top policy-making organ, the presidium, for several years. They were also brought into the party's leading executive body, the secretariat, in June 1963 following the incapacitating illness of Kozlov. Brezhnev is now on a par with Podgorny in terms of having a full-time opportunity to develop his political strength.

Brezhnev, almost 58 years old, is probably in general agreement with most of Khrushchev's policies. He is believed to be reasonably able and in fair health.

Mikoyan's special unofficial status as senior adviser to Khrushchev will probably not be impaired by his elevation to the chairmanship of the Supreme Soviet Presidium.

The Supreme Soviet job seems to be ideally suited for Mikoyan because the duties can be readily tailored to the capabilities of the incumbent. Nearing 69, Mikoyan was out of action for several months last year because of illness.

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Rumania-USSR: No basic concessions appear in identical statements issued in Moscow and Bucharest on 14 July after nine days of "frank" discussions at the highest level. "A better mutual understanding" was claimed, however, after a "useful exchange of views" on bilateral state relations, party ties, bloc economic problems, and the Sino-Soviet dispute. The tone of the statements implied, moreover, that both sides believe their interests are best served by avoiding steps, such as the public polemics which ceased before the Rumanian delegation left for Moscow, which could lead to a worsening of relations.

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*Congo: Tshombé has decided not to attend the African heads-of-state meeting opening tomorrow in Cairo because of opposition from many African leaders-- some of whom provided troops used by the UN to crush the Katanga secession. Tshombé's desire to improve his image among other African states, and his chances of obtaining outside African assistance, may now depend upon his success in improving stability in the Congo and in demonstrating a more African nationalist stance. His release yesterday of left-wing leader Antoine Gizenga may indicate that he is eager to adopt such a posture.

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